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AIR FREIGHT UP 20.9% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 26 -- U.S. air freight rose 20.9 percent in the first quarter of 1984, over the same period last year, the Air Transport Association said today. The airlines produced more than 1.4 billion revenue ton miles, the highest first quarter total ever reported by ATA.

In domestic service in the first quarter, air freight was up 21.4 percent, mail was up 13.3 percent and total cargo, including freight and mail, was up 19.4 percent. In international service in the first quarter, air freight was up 19.9 percent, mail was up 12.7 percent and total cargo increased 18.9 percent.

For March, total air freight was up 19.7 percent.

According to March domestic figures, air freight increased 17.3 percent, mail was up 8.3 percent and total air cargo increased by 15.2 percent.

In international service in March, air freight was up 23.7 percent, mail was up 9.8 percent and total cargo increased 21.8 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH	1984	344,473	97,606	442,079	208,310	28,985	237,295	552,783	679,374
MARCH	1983	293,574	90,104	383,678	168,397	26,410	194,807	461,971	578,485
PERCENT CHANGE		17.3	8.3	15.2	23.7	9.8	21.8	19.7	17.4
3 MONTHS	1984	918,691	272,532	1,191,223	529,924	81,985	611,909	1,448,615	1,803,132
3 MONTHS	1983	756,741	240,542	997,283	441,942	72,714	514,656	1,198,683	1,511,939
PERCENT CHANGE		21.4	13.3	19.4	19.9	12.7	18.9	20.9	19.3

NOTES: Carriers included: Aircal, Air Florida, Alaska, Aloha, American, Capitol, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.

Northwest data are not included in international figures.